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5 Calle de Lista
Barrio de Salamanca
Madrid March 25th

My dear Sir,

I can't tell you with what pleasure I received your letter, for I was greatly afraid that you or some part of your family were seriously ill. You are so very kind to me, that if any ill befell you, it would be most painful to me.

I was separated from my brothers when very young, consequently I knew few of their friends personally, and among those few, I don't remember Mr Wells, nevertheless I am sorry for his death, for to have been the friend of my dear brother, he must have been a kind and good man.

Are you sure that Mrs Melville is dead? It is not strange that I should be ignorant of the fact, as I seldom see an

English paper. Formerly I used to subscribe to one or two; but that is one of the luxuries I have been obliged to resign. You will say that this is a very slight expense; but many small expenses make one too large for me at the end of the year. Mrs Melville was my first cousin, and daughter of my Uncle Captain Jennings, an Officer in Duncan's ship in the action off Camperdown, where he greatly distinguished himself, as you will see in my brother's Memoirs

My son John is at present engaged in painting a copy of one of Morelli's pictures, which I must beg of you to accept as a small token of my esteem and gratitude for all your Kindness to me. The original is of life size; but as I considered it as inconvenient, and not well adapted for a private house, my son has reduced it to a moderate size. When it is perfectly dry I will forward

it to you. By the bye ought I to direct it to your residence, or to some Railway Station in London.

I like the idea of sending some pictures to Amicus, the first time I write to Mr Field I will mention it to him, and if it is in his power, I am sure he will oblige me.

I thank you very sincerely for your idea of the Royal Literary Fund, but I am of opinion that the application ought not to be made, and with respect to the private subscription. I must beg of you to return my warmest thanks to your friends for their sympathy, and their desire to honour the name of Keats in my unfortunate prison. I think you will be of my opinion that if I obtain the pension I ought not to receive any other assistance it would be a want of delicacy

I am sorry to say I have no Manuscripts of my brothers poems, I should

have been so happy to have sent them to you. Mr Llanos and family join with me in kindest regards to you

Believe me to remain, dear Sir

Yours very sincerely
Jenny Keats de Llanos

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My dear Sir

I have received yours of the 31st and return you a thousand thanks for your happy thought of adding a paragraph to the Memorial, which has produced its effect. I am naturally very sorry for our failure, and greatly surprised that my being married to a Foreigner, should have influenced the decision of the Minister. I don't understand why this circumstance should be unfavorable to my claims, am I not still the only sister of Fleets.

I am not at all aware of any previous application, but I presume with you that some Kind person, wishing to serve me, forwarded the Statement to the Treasury, which perhaps may have